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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by the Acting Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen, H.E. Dr. Mohamed Saed Al-Attar, concerning the situation in Yemen.

I would appreciate it if the enclosed statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla S. AL-ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

1. After the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 924 (1994), of 1 June 1994, on the situation in the Republic of Yemen, which was followed by resolution 931 (1994), of 29 June 1994, the Government of the Republic of Yemen declared a unilateral cease-fire on eight consecutive occasions, but the rebels continued to reject it through their actions since they continued to bombard by land, sea and air the forces of unity and legality.

2. This uninterrupted violation has imposed a tragic situation on the innocent population of Aden and other cities, which is still exposed to the dangers arising from the continuation of military operations, not to mention the lack of water and other vital necessities.

3. For these reasons and in order to protect persons and their property and put an end to their suffering and the rebel operations, which have continued to threaten national security and the lives of the population, the Government decided to restore and exercise its authority in all areas of the country. Since this has been achieved, the Government of the Republic of Yemen declares and affirms that all military operations will cease definitively and immediately, as a result of which the provisions of Security Council resolutions 924 (1994) and 931 (1994) will be implemented.

4. The Government forces have distributed and are continuing to distribute food and water to the population of Aden and other places in the areas that have suffered the most as a result of control by the rebels.

In view of the foregoing, the Government of the Republic of Yemen wishes to inform you that it has decided to:

(a) Declare a general and complete amnesty;

(b) State its readiness to compensate all those who have lost property as a result of the rebel operations and to consider that the law protecting the families of martyrs will apply to all the victims of the rebellion;

(c) Reaffirm its strong commitment to ensuring democratic order, political pluralism, freedom of opinion and the press and respect for human rights;

(d) Uphold its commitment to the continuation of the national dialogue on the basis of constitutional legality and to compliance with the provisions of the document of commitment and agreement as a basis for building the modern Yemeni State;

(e) Reaffirm its intention to engage in full cooperation with the States of the region on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, good neighbourliness and non-interference in internal affairs, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and also to be ready to develop relations of

close cooperation with its neighbours in order to promote the security, stability and welfare of the population of the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you and your Special Envoy, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, for the efforts that you have made in order to settle the internal crisis that our country has undergone. I also wish to express appreciation, through you, to the President and members of the Security Council and assure you once again of our complete cooperation with them and the Council in order to promote the stability and security of our country and the entire region.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Mohamed Saed AL-ATTAR
Acting Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen